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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - PARAGRAPH 3 LINE 1 -TWO VICE THREEJUSTICE
PASS TO PAUL J. CURRAN, U.S. ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALSO FOR ARA/CEN LAZAR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION TO U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. DEAR MR. CURRAN: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF
MARCH 28, 1975, CONCERNING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED FRAUDULENT
INVESTMENT INVOLVING INTER-AMERICAN CAPITAL, S.A., A COSTA
RICAN COMPANY, YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT THIS EMBASSY WILL
BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR OFFICE AND THE GRAND JURY
IN EVERY WAY THAT IT APPROPRIATELY CAN. THE ONLY CONSTRAINTS
I FORESEE ON OUR ABILITY TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE
ARE THOSE WHICH RELATE TO THE PROPER AND ACCEPTED FUNCTIONS
OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, AND THE OFTEN
COMPETING DEMANDS ON THE EMBASSY STAFF TO CARRY OUT OTHER
ASSIGNED TASKS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC REQUESTS IN YOUR MARCH 28
LETTER, WE WILL SEEK COPIES OF THE DECLARATIONS IN THE
PUBLIC REGISTRY OF THE PERSONS LISTED IN YOUR POINT ONE;
WE WILL TRY TO GET THE MAILING ADDRESSES OF AS MANY AS
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POSSIBLE OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED IN POINT THREE AND

FORWARD THAT INFORMATION TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

3. WITH REGARD TO POINT TWO, WE WILL BE ESPECIALLY ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION ON THE MODERNA PRINTING SHOP WHICH COMES OUR WAY AND WILL FORWARD IT TO YOU RIGHT AWAY. HOWEVER, IT IS MY JUDGEMENT THAT TO PURSUE THOSE MATTERS WOULD PLACE US IN AN INVESTIGATIVE ROLE WHICH GOES WELL BEYOND OUR NORMAL FUNCTIONS AND WOULD BE PARTICULARLY RISKY, INAPPROPRIATE AND UNWISE IN THIS CASE. I SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU CONSIDER ENGAGING PRIVATE COUNSEL IN SAN JOSE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER.

4. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ON ME FOR ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE YOU THINK THAT WE CAN PROVIDE. SINCERELY YOURS,
TERENCE A. TODMAN, AMBASSADOR.
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